

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2002.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Jerry Trumps, (Chair), Chris Williams, Marc Mouton, Rob Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Louis C. Benjamin, Jr.

**COUNCIL STAFF:** Norma Dugas (Clerk), Veronica Williams, (Assistant Clerk), Monica Fontenot (Administrative Assistant)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Steve Dupuis (City-Parish Attorney), Terry Huval (Utilities), Becky Lalumia (Finance)

**COMMENCEMENT**

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (002) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Jerry Trumps called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of September 3, 2002 to order.

**EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (003) AGENDA ITEM NO 2: President's Report.  
*No report was given*

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (005) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: LUS Director's Report.  
*No report was given*

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (007) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 O-028-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending Ordinance O-019-2002 LPUA that will revise the effective date of electric, water and wastewater rates for customers of the Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) who reside outside the corporate limits of the City of Lafayette. A motion to approve by Stevenson, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: Williams, Trumps

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion failed.*

Williams questioned Huval of the position of the Utilities Department. Huval responded the choice was a general policy decision but there have been concerns that this would remove the incentive for those who are petitioning to annex into the city to receive the benefits of reduced city rates. Councilman Mouton added that those affected in his district would pay lower electric, water and wastewater compared to their current rates. Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval responded there are residents that are currently petitioning to be annexed but should this ordinance go into effect, they would remove their name from the list and would receive the benefits without being annexed and at the same rate as customers in the City of Lafayette.

Frank Thibeaux, Annexation Coordinator, stated he has received at least 60% of the signatures needed for the annexation of Points of View Subdivision but until the petitions are certified, one could rescind their decision of being annexed.

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (157) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 O-029-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of an electrical easement on the northerly 46.4 feet of Lot 16 and the southerly 43.6 feet of Lot 17 of Bellemont Estates, having a municipal address of 204 Bellemont Drive. A motion to approve by Stevenson, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was approved.*

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval explained when a development is being constructed, LUS requests all the necessary easements to provide flexibility on design of the facilities. Once an easement is determined to have exceed the requirements, then LUS returns these easements to the property owner.

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (184) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 O-030-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94, Article I, Section 94-12, "Exclusion of certain costs and revenues in computation of annual in-lieu-of-tax payment." A motion to approve as amended by Stevenson, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was approved as amended.*

Becky Lalumia submitted a request for an amendment to the ordinance to include the language for the offsetting \$2,000,000 amount of utility relocation costs. The ordinance as amended continues the current formula for in-lieu-of-tax and does not have a one year provision.

As maker and second of the motion, Stevenson and Williams requested an amendment to change language in Section 1, paragraph 1 **from...effective with the fiscal year 2001-02 to for the fiscal year 2001-02...**

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (240) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: O-031-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority accepting the bid of Wastewater Services, Inc. of Oakdale, Louisiana for the construction of sewerage improvements along certain streets, or such part thereof as may be determined upon, within the corporate limits of Consolidated Sewerage District of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to execute a contract on behalf of said District for such work. A motion to approve by Williams, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was approved.*

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (253) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 O-032-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority declaring the construction of Consolidated Sewerage District of the City of Lafayette - Project XII (Holiday Gardens Area) a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of the necessary rights of way and other property rights requisite to the construction of said project either on an amicable basis or through the use of the expropriation process, if necessary. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was approved.*

Huval explained by doing this procedure at the beginning of a project allows LUS to have the expropriation rights and declare it a public necessity so the project is not delayed.

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (304) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 O-033-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President and the Chairman of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Carencro to assist in the transfer of Carencro's wastewater biosolids. Motion to approve by Williams.

*Died for a lack of second.*

Williams questioned the reason why this ordinance died for a lack of second. Stevenson responded that he didn't feel \$50.00 was a fair fee to complete the work. Craig Gautreaux,

Wastewater Manager, explained the City of Carencro has never transferred their biosolids, however, they operate their facilities the same as any other mechanical sewer treatment plant in the parish. They have requested LCG's assistance to transfer a few loads to their other plant. Upon questioning by Mouton, Gautreaux explained there are five (5) loads to be relocated. Huval reiterated Gautreaux's comments but added that the cost does recover all overhead, depreciation on the equipment and manpower. LUS used a similar format for the biosolid treatment agreement with Youngsville. The difference between the two agreements is that for the City of Carencro the agreement is just to transfer sludge.

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (400) AGENDA ITEM NOS. 10-11: A motion to approve the introductory ordinances in globo was offered by Mouton, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows: YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*The motion to introduce was approved.*

### **INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

10. O-034-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of a portion of Camellia Boulevard. (Glenn Weber & Planning, Zoning & Codes)
11. O-035-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the FY 01/02 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$620,000 from the Retained Earnings Capital Fund Reserve to Consolidated Sewer District - Project X within the Department of Utilities for additional funding needed. (Glenn Weber & Utilities)

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (414) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Comments from the public concerning the above Introductory Ordinances

*No speakers*

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(TAPE 1) (SIDE A) (415) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Comments from the public on other matters.

*No speakers*

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Trumps declared the Regular LPUA meeting adjourned.

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NORMA A. DUGAS  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL